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May 4, 1994

Ms. Donna R. Searcy Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: PP Docket No. 93-253/Ex Parte Presentations

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On April 29, 1994 I met with the following decision makers at the FCC:

Mr. Jonathan Cohen

Mr. John Winston

Ms. Julia Kogan

Mr. Don Gips

Mr. Greg Rosston

Attached is a copy of the main issues discussed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Kyle

Chairman

Enclosure

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## **SBPCS Position on Auction Rules**

## Robert Kyle, Chairman Small Business PCS Association

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- Represent a Major Opportunity for Hundreds of Small, Womanand Minority-Owned Businesses and Rural Telco's
  - The Only Way of Meeting the Intent of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 for SWMRs
  - If No Set Asides, SWMR Participation Is Reduced from Hundreds to a Handful
  - SWMRs Must Participate Fully as License Holders
- 20 MHz (Block C) Set Aside Allows Full Competition with the MTAs and Cellular Companies (even with less spectrum)
- 10 MHz (Block D) Set Aside Can Provide a Good Voice or Data Service (but not both)

- A Small Business Operating a Single BTA Can Compete Effectively with Large Businesses Operating Larger Service Areas
  - All Will Operate Under the Future US Standards for PCS (due to be complete in May 1994)
  - Economies Of Scale Have Diminishing Returns after 100,000 Subscribers (the most cost effective switch size)
  - SBPCS Will Form Large Buying Consortia Especially for Small Business
  - SBPCS Will Form a National Roaming Network for Small Business
- But Cellular Carriers Must Be Excluded or Limited to 10 MHz or Less

- Upfront Payment
  - 2¢ per MHz per POP Will Help Control Speculators
  - Refundable to a SWMR that Is Later Disqualified
- 10% Payment
  - Onerous for Small Business
  - Should Be Eliminated
- The Same Financing Terms Available for a Set Aside License Should Be Available for Any License Acquired by a SWMR
- Payment Schedule
  - Payments Over Full License Term (10 years for PCS)
  - First Payment Due in 2 Years
  - Then Quarterly Payments 0.5% of License Price thru Year 5
  - Then Balance Amortized in Equal Payments thru Year 10

- In Any Geographic Region No One Class of License Holder Should Be Given an Advantage Over Any Other
  - Once the First MTA is Auctioned, All Component BTAs Should Be Auctioned Next
  - Otherwise the MTA License Holders Would Obtain Their Licenses Before Their BTA Competition and Have an Unfair Head Start
- Combined Bids for BTAs
  - Transforms BTA Bidding into Another Large Company Auction Like the MTAs
  - Unworkable since 491 BTAs Generate a Staggering Number of Combinations
  - Should not Be Allowed on Either a Frequency or Geographic Basis